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SUBJECT: Oil Ministry announces qualification results

The Ministry of Oil announced on April 14 the outcome of its pre-qualification process for the international oil companies (IOCs) that had submitted qualification applications from January 9 to February 18, 2008. A total of 120 companies of various nationalities submitted applications, and 35 qualified. Qualifying IOCs can participate in the first licensing round for oil and gas fields, which the Directorate stated will be announced in due time, when the IOCs will receive a Letter of Invitation to this effect. The Petroleum Contracts and Licensing Directorate also said it will continue updating the list of qualifying companies, especially those that did not pass, to allow as many IOCs as possible to participate in the next licensing rounds (following the first round).

Qualified IOCs for the first licensing round include:

1. Anadarko Iraq Company, USA
2. BG International, UK
3. BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd., Australia
4. BP, UK
5. Chevron Iraq Ltd., USA
6. CNOOC China Ltd, China
7. CNPC, China
8. Conoco Phillips, USA
9. Edison International SPA, Italy
10. ENI, Italy
11. Exxonmobil, USA
12. Hess Corporation, USA
13. Inpex Holding, Japan
14. Japex, Japan
15. JSC Gazprom Neft, Russia
16. Kogas, Korea
17. Lukoil, Russia
18. Maersk, Denmark
19. Marathon International Petroleum Limited, USA
20. Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan
21. Nexen Inc. (International Oil & Gas Nexen Inc.), Canada
22. Nippon Oil, Japan
23. Occidental Petroleum, USA
24. ONGC, India
25. Petronas, Malaysia
26. Pertamina, Indonesia
27. Premier, UK
28. Repsol, Spain
29. Shell Iraq, Netherlands
30. Sinochem, China
31. Sinopic Group, China
32. Statoil Hydro, Norway
33. Total, France
34. Wintershall BASF Group, Germany
35. Woodside, Australia

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